

CHLORPYRIFOS

ISSUE/TOPIC: Status of Chlorpyrifos in the pesticide re-evaluation process

BACKGROUND:

- In September 2007, the Pesticide Action Network of North America (PANNA) and Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) submitted a petition seeking revocation of all tolerances and cancellation of all Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) registrations of products containing the insecticide chlorpyrifos.

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- The EPA took most of the complex and novel science questions raised in the petition to the FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) for review several times. Specifically, the EPA requested the SAP to review new worker and non-occupational exposure methods, experimental toxicology and epidemiology, risk assessment approaches for semi-volatile pesticides, and the evaluation of a pharmacokinetic-pharmacodynamic model.
- Accomplishments:
 - Considering SAP's recommendations, the EPA issued a Notice of Data Availability in November 2016 on a revised human health risk assessment.
 - The EPA issued the order denying the PANNA-NRDC petition on March 29, 2017, based on scientific uncertainty.
 - In January 2017, the EPA initiated formal consultation under the Endangered Species Act with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service.
- Congressional Inquiries. In a letter to Administrator Pruitt on March 31, 2017, Senator Carper requested copies of pertinent documents related to the EPA's petition denial. In late April, Senator Warren and Rep. Pallone sent a letter to the EPA Inspector General asking for an investigation into the agency's decision to deny the PANNA-NRDC petition.

TALKING POINTS:

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